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SUBJECT: DEA EXECUTIVE OBSERVATION PROGRAM

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1. FOLLOWING OUR SUBMISSION OF NO-NAME DIPLOMATIC NOTE AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, EMBASSY'S CUSTOMS CONTACT INFORMED EMBOFF THAT FORRIGNMINISTRY HAD ASKED IF CUSTOMS HAD CANDIDATE FOR OBSERVATION PROGRAM. CUSTOMS HAS NOT REPLIED OFFICIALLY, CONTACT SAID, BUT IS STRONGLY CONSIDERING NOMINATING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS FOR TLEMCEN REGION IN WESTERN ALGERIA AS ITS CONDIDATE FOR PROGRAM. GIVEN PROXIMITY TO MOROCCAN FRONTIER, THIS OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS CONTROL MORE THAN HIS COLLEAGUES IN OTHER REGIONS. FURTHER, SINCE ALGERIAN-MOROCCAN FRONTIER NOW CLOSED TO ALGERIANS AND MOROCCANS, OFFICIAL WOULD BE MORE AT LIBERTY TO TRAVEL THAN IN NORMAL PERIOD.

2. COMMENT: FOREIGN MINISTRY APPARENTLY INTERESTED IN OBSERVATION PROGRAM. RECOGNIZE THAT DEA INTERESTED IN POLICE, RATHER THAN CUSTOMS OFFICIAL, BUT RECOMMEND THAT CUSTOMS MAN BE ACCEPTED IF GOA FINALLY SELECTS HIM. PARKER

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